

Amendments of the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the above-identified patent application:

Listing of Claims:

1-25. (canceled)

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26. (previously presented) A lockable storage case for storing a storage or recording medium, the lockable storage case comprising:

a storage case, the storage case including:

a first cover, the first cover including a seating area, the seating area is adapted to seat one of the storage and recording medium, and

a second cover coupled to the first cover and capable of securing the medium seated in the seating area, when the second cover is closed upon the first cover; and

a lock adapted to be disposed within both the first cover and the second cover;

wherein:

when the lockable storage case is secured, the lock is disposed inside the storage case, whereby the first cover is securely coupled to the second cover;

the lock comprises:

a base having an outer periphery; and

at least a first catch mechanism moveably mounted to the base, the first catch mechanism movable between a first position where the first catch mechanism extends beyond the periphery of the base and a second position where the first catch mechanism does not extend beyond the periphery of the base; and

the first catch mechanism includes at least one metallic pin, whereby application of a magnetic field proximate to the first catch mechanism is effective to move the first catch mechanism from the first position to the second position.

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42. (previously presented) A lockable storage case for storing a storage or recording medium, the lockable storage case comprising:

a storage case, the storage case including:

a first cover, the first cover including a seating area, the seating area is adapted to seat one of the storage and recording medium, and

a second cover coupled to the first cover and capable of securing the medium seated in the seating area, when the second cover is closed upon the first cover; and

a lock adapted to be disposed within both the first cover and the second cover;

wherein:

when the lockable storage case is secured, the lock is disposed inside the storage case, whereby the first cover is securely coupled to the second cover;

the lock comprises:

a base having an outer periphery; and

at least a first catch mechanism moveably mounted to the base, the first catch mechanism movable between a first position where the first catch mechanism extends beyond the periphery of the base and a second position where the first catch mechanism does not extend beyond the periphery of the base; and

the first catch mechanism includes a metal pin disposed therein.

43. (previously presented) A lockable storage case for storing a storage or recording medium, the lockable storage case comprising:

a storage case, the storage case including:

a first cover, the first cover including a seating area, the seating area is adapted to seat one of the storage and recording medium, and

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a second cover coupled to the first cover and capable of securing the medium seated in the seating area, when the second cover is closed upon the first cover; and

a lock adapted to be disposed within both the first cover and the second cover;  
wherein:

when the lockable storage case is secured, the lock is disposed inside the storage case, whereby the first cover is securely coupled to the second cover;

the lock comprises:

a base having an outer periphery; and

at least a first catch mechanism moveably mounted to the base, the first catch mechanism movable between a first position where the first catch mechanism extends beyond the periphery of the base and a second position where the first catch mechanism does not extend beyond the periphery of the base;

the first catch mechanism includes a metal pin disposed therein;

the pin has chamfered portions on a top and bottom thereof; and

the first catch mechanism further includes shelf extensions which engage the chamfered portions to thereby retain the pin within the first catch mechanism.

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49. (previously presented) A lockable storage case for storing a storage or recording medium, the lockable storage case comprising:

a storage case, the storage case including:

a first cover, the first cover including a seating area, the seating area is adapted to seat one of the storage and recording medium, and

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a second cover coupled to the first cover and capable of securing the medium seated in the seating area, when the second cover is closed upon the first cover; and

a lock adapted to be disposed within both the first cover and the second cover;  
wherein:

when the lockable storage case is secured, the lock is disposed inside the storage case, whereby the first cover is securely coupled to the second cover;

the lock comprises:

a base having an outer periphery; and

at least a first catch mechanism moveably mounted to the base, the first catch mechanism movable between a first position where the first catch mechanism extends beyond the periphery of the base and a second position where the first catch mechanism does not extend beyond the periphery of the base;

when the first catch mechanism is in the first position, a portion of the first catch mechanism extends beyond the periphery of the base of the lock;

the first catch mechanism is moveable to a third position where the entire first catch mechanism is disposed outside the periphery of the base of the lock;

the first catch mechanism includes a first flange extending therefrom;

the base includes a second flange extending therefrom; and

the first and second flanges are disposed so that when the first catch mechanism is in the first or the second position, the second flange abuts the first flange and inhibits the first catch mechanism from moving to the third position.

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50. (previously presented) A lockable storage case for storing a storage or recording medium, the lockable storage case comprising:

a storage case, the storage case including:

a first cover, the first cover including a seating area, the seating area is adapted to seat one of the storage and recording medium, and

a second cover coupled to the first cover and capable of securing the medium seated in the seating area, when the second cover is closed upon the first cover; and

a lock adapted to be disposed within both the first cover and the second cover;  
wherein:

when the lockable storage case is secured, the lock is disposed inside the storage case, whereby the first cover is securely coupled to the second cover;

the lock comprises:

a base having an outer periphery; and

at least a first catch mechanism moveably mounted to the base, the first catch mechanism movable between a first position where the first catch mechanism extends beyond the periphery of the base and a second position where the first catch mechanism does not extend beyond the periphery of the base;

when the first catch mechanism is in the first position, a portion of the first catch mechanism extends beyond the periphery of the base of the lock;

the first catch mechanism is moveable to a third position where the entire first catch mechanism is disposed outside the periphery of the base of the lock;

the first catch mechanism includes a first flange extending therefrom;

the base includes a second flange extending therefrom;

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the first and second flanges are disposed so that when the first catch mechanism is in the first or the second position, the second flange abuts the first flange and inhibits the first catch mechanism from moving to the third position; and

the flanges are hook-shaped.

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82. (new) A lockable case for an information storage medium, said case comprising:

a first cover and a second cover, said first and second covers hinged to pivot open or closed about a spine, at least one of said first and second covers being configured to receive said medium;

cover locking elements disposed on inner surfaces of said covers, said cover locking elements spaced apart from outer peripheries of said covers and positioned such that when said covers are closed, said cover locking elements are mutually aligned;

a lock access opening aligned with said cover locking elements, said opening established in a common side of said first and second covers when said covers are closed; and

an elongated lock comprising:

a base having outwardly biased spring arms, said arms configured to engage said cover locking elements; and

metallic pins positioned in said arms and adapted to be influenced by an externally produced magnetic field;

wherein:

said cover locking elements comprise loops that, together with said access opening, establish a locking channel; and

*th* when said lock is inserted into said access opening, said lock extends into said locking channel.

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